

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (U 902 M) for Authority to Incur Additional Indebtedness for Working Capital Purposes in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$800 million, Inclusive of Amounts Otherwise Authorized by Public Utilities Code Section 823, at any one time outstanding.

Application 00-11-025
(Filed November 9, 2000)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUIRING SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (SDG&E) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This ruling requires SDG&E to file an amendment to its petition to modify Decision (D.) 01-02-011. In its petition for modification filed February 14, 2001, SDG&E seeks authority to eliminate the Commission's prohibition on SDG&E issuing first mortgage bonds for the purpose of funding its undercollection of wholesale power costs and other working cash requirements. On February 8, 2001, the Commission issued D.01-02-011. Among other things, D.01-02-011 denied SDG&E's request to finance the undercollection in its Energy Rate Ceiling Revenue Shortfall Account (ERCRSA undercollection) with debt secured by a pledge of SDG&E's assets (secured debt). In its petition, SDG&E once again requests authority to finance its ERCRSA undercollection with secured debt.

Over a year has passed since SDG&E's petition for modification. So that the Commission has an adequate record to decide SDG&E's petition, this ruling requires SDG&E to file by March 22, 2002, an update of its response to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Kenney's ruling of March 6, 2001 and to provide

any additional information in its response to justify its request for Commission approval for debt authorization. Specifically, SDG&E should supplement its petition to justify whether or not it still needs to borrow up to \$800 million, and if not, how much it does need and the justification therein.

SDG&E's response to the above request shall include a verification that complies with Rule 2.4. The verification shall be signed under penalty of perjury by an officer who is knowledgeable about the factual assertions in the response. SDG&E shall also provide an electronic copy of its response to the assigned ALJ via e-mail (dje@cpuc.ca.gov).

IT IS RULED that:

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) shall file at the Commission's Docket Office a supplement to its petition to modify Decision 01-02-011 that contains information that is responsive to the request set forth in the body of this ruling.

2. SDG&E's supplement identified in the previous Ruling Paragraph shall be filed by March 22, 2002, and include a verification that complies with Rule 2.4. The verification shall be signed under penalty of perjury by an officer who is knowledgeable about the factual assertions in the supplement.

3. SDG&E shall provide to the assigned Administrative Law Judge via e-mail (dje@cpuc.ca.gov) an electronic copy of its supplement.

Dated March 13, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DEAN J. EVANS

Dean J. Evans
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Requiring San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to Provide Additional Information on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record. In addition, service was also performed by electronic mail.

Dated March 13, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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